IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A recording/playback device that records and reproduces data to and from a recording medium, the device comprising:

a system controlling means for controlling access to the recording medium by a file system processing module that reads and writes data from and to the recording medium with reference to a file system containing data indicating a physical storage location of a file on the recording medium; and

a data base processing module configured to access the file system processing module with reference to content management information for management of contents stored in the recording medium, the recording medium having recorded therein file search information indicating a physical recorded position of a file having the content management information stored therein;

the database processing module configured to read the file search information without reference to the file system, and register attribute information corresponding to a file including at least the content management information into the file system with reference to the file search information.

Claim 2 (Original): The device according to claim 1, wherein when the file system processing module has failed in mounting a file system stored in a predetermined position in the recording medium, the data base processing module registers attribute information on a file including at least the content management information into the file system with reference to the file search information.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein the data base processing module controls the file system processing module to mount a file system stored in a predetermined position in the recording medium, reads the file search information with reference to the file system being mounted, while acquiring attribute information corresponding to a file from [[a]] the file system being currently mounted; and, controls the file system processing module to demount the current file system; and generate, generates a new file system on the basis of the read file search information and attribute information, and controls the file system processing module to mount the new file system.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A recording medium access method of controlling access to a recording medium by a file system processing module that reads and writes data from and to the recording medium with reference to a file system containing data indicating a physical storage location of a file on the recording medium, and a data base processing module that accesses the file system processing module with reference to content management information for management of the contents stored in the recording medium, the method comprising:

issuing commands for reading and writing a file according to the content management information from the data base processing module to the file system processing module;

employing the file system processing module to read and write data from and to the recording medium with reference to the file system according to the commands from the data base processing module; and

employing the data base processing module to read from the recording medium, when mounting a file system file search information indicating a physical recorded position of a file having the content management information stored therein without reference to the file

system, and register attribute information on a file including at least the content management information into the read file system with reference to the read file search information.

Claim 5 (Original): The method according to claim 4, wherein when the file system processing module has failed in mounting a file system stored in a predetermined position in the recording medium, the data base processing module registers attribute information on a file including at least the content management information into the file system with reference to the file search information.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 4, wherein the operation of the data base processing module further comprises:

controlling the file system processing module to mount a file system stored in a predetermined position in the recording medium;

reading the file search information with reference to the file system being mounted, while acquiring attribute information corresponding to a file from [[a]] the file system being currently mounted;

controlling the file system processing module to demount the current file system; and

generate generating a new file system on the basis of the read file search information and attribute information; and

controlling the file system processing module to mount the new file system.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A recording/playback device that records and reproduces data to and from a recording medium, the device comprising:

a system controller configured to control access to the recording medium by a file system processing module that reads and writes data from and to the recording medium with

reference to a file system containing data indicating a physical storage location of a file on the recording medium; ~~and~~

a data base processing module configured to access the file system processing module with reference to content management information for management of contents stored in the recording medium[[,]];

the recording medium having recorded therein file search information indicating physical recorded position of a file having the content management information stored therein[[,]] ; and

the database processing module configured to read the file search information without reference to the file system and register attribute information on a file including at least the content management information into the file system with reference to the file search information.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A recording medium access method of controlling access to a recording medium by a file system processing module that reads and writes data from and to the recording medium with reference to a file system containing data indicating a physical storage location of a file on the recording medium, and a data base processing module that accesses the file system processing module with reference to content management information for management of the contents stored in the recording medium, the method comprising:

issuing commands for reading and writing a file according to the content management information from the data base processing module to the file system processing module;

employing the file system processing module to read and write data from and to the recording medium with reference to the file system according to the commands from the data base processing module; and

employing the data base processing module to read from the recording medium, when

mounting a file system, file search information indicating a physical recorded position of a

file having the content management information stored therein without reference to the file

system, and register attribute information on a file including at least the content management

information into the read file system with reference to the read file search information.